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IN HIS SPEECH TO UNGA PLENARY OCT. 8, BOLIVIAIAN FONMIN GUTIERREZ
MADE FOLLOWING REFERENCES TO CHILE:

"WE HAVE ALWAYS MAINTAINED THAT CHILE AND MY COUNTRY
COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER. THE NATION OF O'HIGGINS APPEARS TO
ME TO BE NO MORE IMPRISONED BETWEEN THE SEA AND THE ANDES THAN
MY OWN COUNTRY, WHICH AS DIRECT CONTACT THROUGH FIVE OPEN
FRONTIERS WITH FIVE REPUBLICS. AN OUTLET TO THE SEA WOULD
FIRMLY ESTABLISH FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN CHILE AND BOLIVIA AND
DISPEL SO MUCH MISTRUST WHICH DRRKENS THE FUTURE OF SOUTH
AMERICA.

"INSPIRED IN THE MOST LAUDABLE AMERICAN SENTIMENTS, WE HAVE
PROPOSED A DIALOGUE SO THAT THROUGH DIRECT TALKS WE MAY DEVISE
A SOLUTION WHICH IS IN KEEPING WITH OUR GERAT PROBLEM AND WHICH
WILL ENABLE CHILE, BY WAY OF RECIPROCITY, TO OBTAIN
BENEFITS IN KEEPING WITH ITS INTERESTS AND WHICH WOULD
GUARANTEE THE WELFARE OF ITS PEOPLE, THE PROSPERITY OF
BACKWARD REGIONS AND THE SECURITY OF NORTHERN CHILE.

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" WE NOURISH THE HOPE THAT NOW THAT ITS PRESENT GOVERNMENT

IS DEVOTED TO TASKS OF MORAL AND MATERIAL RECONSTRUCTION, SOON
THE NECESSARY FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS
WILL EXIST SO THAT THESE TWO COUNTRIES MAY ARRIVE AT AN
IMPORTANT AGREEMENT GOVERNING ITS FUTURE.

"I COULD NOT END THIS PART OF MY STATEMENT WITHOUT
EXPRESSING MY FEELINGS UPON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE
PRESIDENT OF CHILE, MR. SALVADORE ALLENDE, WHOM I HAD
THE HONOUR TO MEET IN THE INTERVIEW WE HAD IN THE CITY OF
BUENOS AIRES WHEN GENERAL LANUSSE HANDED OVER POWER TO
EX-PRESIDENT CAMPORA. THAT DEATH RECALLS THAT OF BALMACEDA,
ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED CHILEAN PRESIDENT, AND REVEALS A
PROFOUND HUMAN QUALITY IN PRESIDENT ALLENDE. THE LEADER OF
CHILEAN SOCIALISM FELL LIKE A COURAGEOUS CAPTAIN AT THE
HEAD OF HIS CAUSE AND IN DEFENCE OF HIS GOVERNMENT, LIKE MAYOR
CUALBERTO VILLARROEL, A LEADER OF NATIONALISM IN MY
COUNTRY, IMMOLATED IN THE QUEMADO PALACE ON THE ALTAR OF HIS
IDEALS, AND OF OSCAR UNZAGA DE LA VEGA, FOUNDER AND LEADER OF
THE BOLIVIAN SOCIALIST FALANGE, WHO LOST HIS LIFE IN AN
OPEN FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY."
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